



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

**VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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**RE: MUR 5198  
The Honorable Maria Cantwell**

**Dear Mr. Kleinfeld and Ms. Utrecht:**

**The Federal Election Commission previously notified your client, the Honorable Maria Cantwell, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. On January 13, 2004, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by your client, that there is no reason to believe your client violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.**

**Portions of the file will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Dominique Dillenseger, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.**

**Sincerely,**

**Lawrence H. Norton  
General Counsel**

**BY: Rhonda J. Vosdinger  
Associate General Counsel  
for Enforcement**

*Rhonda J. Vosdinger*  
(by ucc)

**Enclosure  
General Counsel's Report**

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